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1. BECAUSE OF THE FRENCH-ITALIAN WINE CRISIS, WE WERE UNABLE TO TALK TO RABOT, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, ABOUT HIS VIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 15-16 WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS UNTIL TODAY. RABOT TELLS US THAT IN SPITE OF THE CONTINUING UNRESOLVED SITUATION IN WINE, HE HAS PERSUADED LARDINOIS TO LET HIM PARTICIPATE WITH HIJZEN IN THE WASHINGTON MEETINGS. (JACQUOT WILL ACCOMPANY RABOT.)

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2. RABOT HAD NO PARTICULAR SUBJECTS THAT HE WISHED TO RAISE IN

ADVANCE
OF THE MEETINGS, BUT HE DID RECOGNIZE THAT THE TREATMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
IN THE MTN WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS. HE DID
NOT
VOLUNTEER ANY NEW COMMUNITY PROPOSALS, BUT SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO
OPEN
BY A REITERATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S VIEWS ON THE TREATMENT OF AGRI-
CULTURE IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SAID HE IS
PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATE PROPOSALS. (WE HAVE THE IM-
PRESSION, FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS, THAT THERE IS SOME
SPREAD OF OPINION IN THE TRADE POLICY AREA OF THE AGRICULTURAL
DIRECTORATE GENERAL AS HOW TO APPROACH THE SEPTEMBER 22 MTN
AGRICULTURAL GROUP MEETING.) THOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION THE
SUBJECT, WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DIS-
CUSSING THE PENDING CASES AGAINST EC EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL
GOOD, E.G. HAMS AND POSSIBLY EGG ALBUMEN.

3. REFTEL A IS CORRECT THAT THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT WHICH A REPORT WILL
BE GIVEN OF THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS. AS IN THE PAST, WE
WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT ANY AGREEMENT COMING OUT OF THE TALKS
WITH HIJZEN AND RABOT WOULD BE REPORTED TO THE ARTICLE 113
COMMITTEE. THE VIEW OF THIS GROUP, THOUGH IT IS ONLY AN AD-
VISORY COMMITTEE, WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANCE IN DETERMINING THE
FINAL COMMUNITY POSITION. WE ANTICIPATE THAT RABOT AND
HIJZEN WOULD NOT ENTER INTO ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH THEY FELT
THEY COULD NOT CARRY THROUGH THE 113 COMMITTEE. RABOT SUGGESTED
WE MEET WITH HIM ON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON.

4. WE ASKED RABOT WHETHER THE EC WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT
THE SEPT. 29-30 LONDON PREPCOM GRAIN RESERVE MEETING (REFTEL B).
RABOT TOOK THE TACTICAL LINE THAT THAT WOULD DEPEND UPON HIS
ASSESSMENT OF THE SEPT. 15-16 DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. WE
HAVE HEARD FROM RABOT'S SUBORDINATES AND THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION
THAT HIS DECISION WILL DEPEND UPON WHETHER HE IS CONVINCED
FROM THE WASHINGTON CONVERSATIONS THAT THE US WILL TABLE A
FULL-SCALE PROPOSAL AT THE PREPCOM MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND,
JACQUOT HAS TOLD US HE PERSONALLY FEELS THE EC HAS NO CHOICE
BUT TO BE REPRESENTED IN LONDON. GREENWALD
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